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THAILAND FROM TEHRAN 12 NOVEMBER REPEATED

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SUBJ: MISSING IN ACTION RESOLUTION AT TEHRAN RED CROSS
CONFERENCE

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF RESOLUTION ON ACCOUNTING FOR
THE MISSING AND DEAD IN ARMED CONFLICTS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY
BY GENERAL COMMISSION OF 22ND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
OF RED CROSS AFTERNOON OF NOVEMBER 12, RESOLUTION
WILL COME BEFORE PLENARY SESSION NOVEMBER 15 FOR FINAL APPROVAL.
RESOLUTION WAS SPONSORED BY GOVERNMENTS OF DENMARK,
MEXICO, NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, PAKISTAN, AND U.S. AND
RED CROSS SOCIETIES OF AUSTRALIA, BRAZIL, CANADA,
ETHIOPIA, GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, GREAT BRITAIN,
ICELAND, NETHERLANDS, PAKISTAN AND UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF RESOLUTION:
QUOTE THE 22ND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE
RED CROSS RECOGNIZING THAT ONE OF THE TRAGIC CONSEQ-
UENCES OF ARMED CONFLICTS IS A LACK OF INFORMATION
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ON PERSONS OF ALL PARTIES WHO ARE MISSING OR WHO HAVE

DIED, INCLUDING THOSE WHO DIED IN CAPTIVITY, AND

IN CONFORMITY WITH THE HUMANITARIAN TRADITIONS
OF THE RED CROSS, AND WITH THE SPIRIT OF THE GENEVA
CONVENTIONS OF 1949;
CALLS ON PARTIES TO ARMED CONFLICTS, DURING
HOSTILITIES AND AFTER CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES,
TO HELP LOCATE AND CARE FOR THE GRAVES OF THE DEAD,
TO FACILITATE THE DISINTERMENT AND RETURN OF REMAINS,
AND TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT THOSE WHO ARE MISSING
IN ACTION;

AND FURTHER CALLS ON PARTIES TO ARMED CONFLICTS
TO COOPERATE WITH PROTECTING POWERS, WITH THE ICRC
AND ITS CENTRAL TRACING AGENCY, AND WITH SUCH OTHER
APPROPRIATE BODIES AS MAY BE ESTABLISHED FOR THIS
PURPOSE, INCLUDING NATIONAL RED CROSS SOCIETIES, TO
ACCOMPLISH THE HUMANITARIAN MISSION OF ACCOUNTING
FOR THE DEAD AND MISSING, INCLUDING THOSE BELONGING
TO THIRD COUNTRIES NOT PARTIES TO THE ARMED CONFLICT.
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3. PLEASE PASS TEXT OF RESOLUTION AND FOREGOING
INFORMATION TO AMERICAN RED CROSS NATIONAL OFFICE
AND TO COL. ALBRIGHT AT NATIONAL LEAGUE OF FAMILY,
1608 "K" STREET NW. RESOLUTION WAS INTRODUCED
BY AMERICAN RED CROSS NATIONAL CHAIRMAN AND DELEGA-
TION HEAD DR. FRANK STANTON. TEXT OF HIS REMARKS (SEPTTEL)
SHOULD ALSO BE PASSED TO AMERICAN RED CROSS.
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